

House File 407 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing the council for agricultural education.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 256.32 Council for agricultural
2 education.

3 1. An advisory council for agricultural education is
4 established, which consists of nine members appointed by the
5 governor. The nine members shall include the following:

6 a. Five persons representing all areas of agriculture and
7 diverse geographical areas.

8 b. The individual representing agriculture on the state
9 council for vocational education.

10 c. A secondary school program instructor, a postsecondary
11 school program instructor, and a teacher educator.

12 2. The council may also include as ex officio members the
13 following persons, as determined by the voting members of the
14 council:

15 a. The state future farmers of America president.

16 b. The current state future farmers of America alumni
17 association president.

18 c. The current postsecondary agriculture students president.

19 d. The current young farmers educational association
20 president.

21 e. A state consultant in agricultural education.

22 f. The secretary of agriculture or the secretary's designee.

23 g. Two members of each house of the general assembly. This
24 membership shall be bipartisan in composition and one member
25 each shall be selected by the president of the senate, after
26 consultation with the majority leader of the senate, and by the
27 minority leader of the senate, and one member each shall be
28 selected by the speaker of the house of representatives and by
29 the minority leader of the house of representatives.

30 3. The duties of the council are to review, develop,
31 and recommend standards for secondary and postsecondary
32 agricultural education. The council shall annually issue a
33 report to the state board of education and the chairpersons
34 of the house and senate agriculture and education committees
35 regarding both short-term and long-term curricular standards

1 for agricultural education and the council's activities. The
2 council shall meet a minimum of twice annually, and must have
3 a quorum consisting of a majority of voting members present
4 to hold an official meeting and to take any final council
5 action. However, hearings may be held without a quorum. The
6 chairperson shall be elected annually by and from the voting
7 membership. The initial organizational meeting shall be called
8 by the director of the department of education.

9 4. The term of membership is three years. The terms shall
10 be staggered so that three of the terms end each year, but no
11 member serving on the initial council shall serve less than one
12 year. The governor shall determine the length of the initial
13 terms of office. However, the terms of office for members of
14 the general assembly shall be as provided in section 69.16B.

15 EXPLANATION

16 This bill establishes the council for agricultural education
17 as repealed by 2010 Acts, chapter 1031. The council shall
18 consist of nine voting members appointed by the governor
19 including five persons representing all areas of agriculture
20 and diverse geographical areas, the individual representing
21 agriculture on the state council for vocational education, a
22 secondary school program instructor, a postsecondary school
23 program instructor, and a teacher educator. The council
24 may also include as ex officio nonvoting members the state
25 future farmers of America president, the current state future
26 farmers of America alumni association president, the current
27 postsecondary agriculture students president, the current young
28 farmers educational association president, a state consultant
29 in agricultural education, the secretary of agriculture or
30 the secretary's designee, and two members of each house of
31 the general assembly. The bill provides that the legislative
32 members shall be bipartisan in composition and sets out
33 procedures for their appointment.

34 The bill sets out duties and procedures for the council,
35 including reviewing, developing, and recommending standards for

1 secondary and postsecondary agricultural education and issuing
2 an annual report to the state board of education and the house
3 and senate agriculture and education committees. The term of
4 membership for the council is three years.